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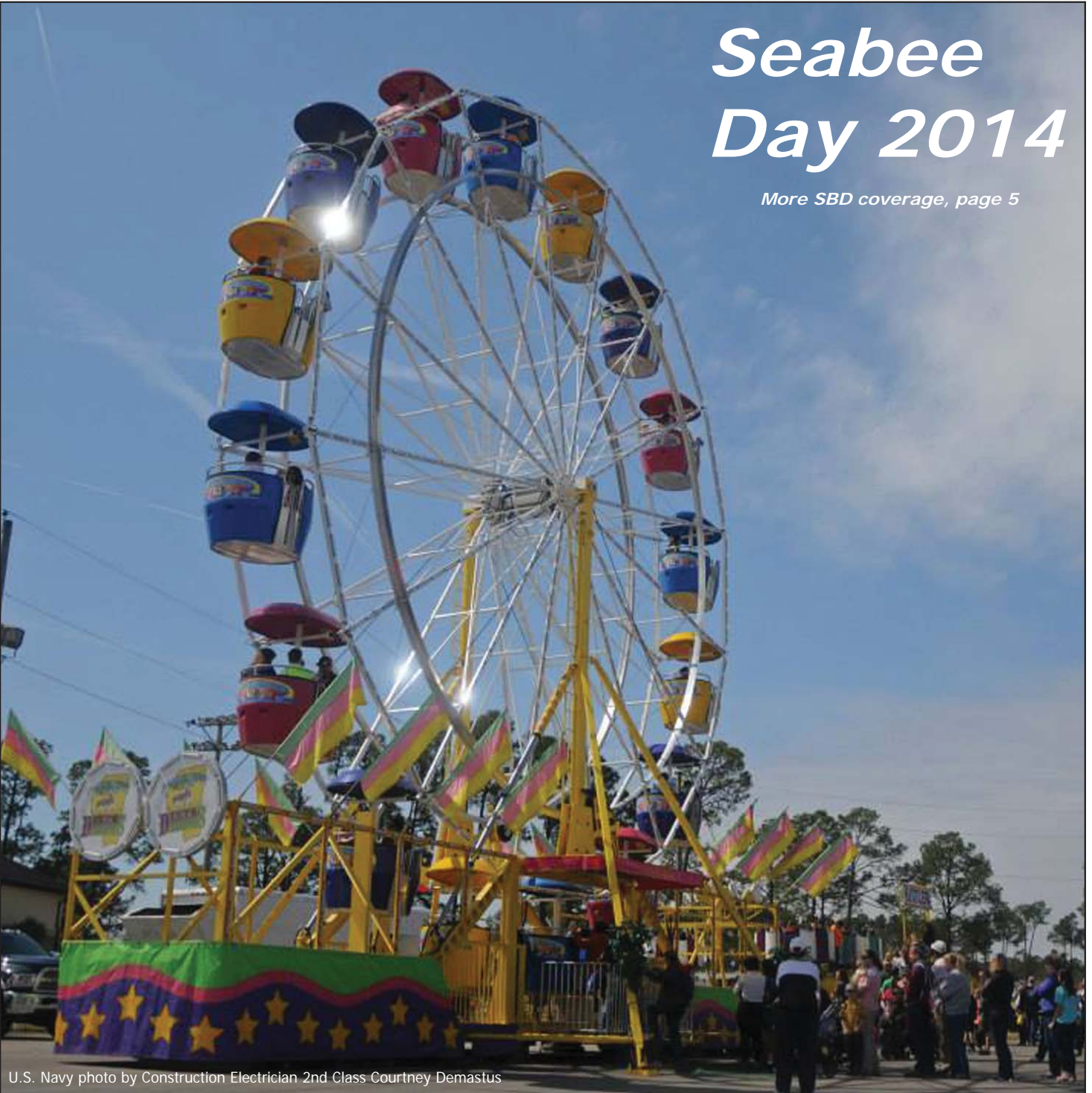
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From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) Office released a mobile game March 3 as part of the Keep What You've Earned campaign.

"Pier Pressure" was designed to promote responsible drinking among Sailors by incorporating real-life choices in an entertaining work-and-play scenario. The app also enables all Sailors to have important alcohol-related resources at their fingertips 24/7, including a blood alcohol content (BAC) calculator and local taxi search.

"During the development of the Keep What You've Earned Campaign, we heard from young, enlisted Sailors that the best way to reach them was through their mobile phones," said Dorice Favorite, Director of NADAP. "Pier Pressure will help Sailors understand how responsible drinking can keep their careers on track, and alternatively, how abusing alcohol can lead to serious consequences."

Favorite said the idea for the game



came from the Sailors themselves, and NADAP engaged more than 110 Sailors in the testing process to make sure the app was both entertaining and educational. She explained that the goal of the game is to advance one's career, but players must make the right choices to be successful.

"In the game, the choices you make at the bar affect your skill level at work the next day, which in turn affects your player's evaluation reports," said Mike Aukerman, Alcohol Program Manager at NADAP. "Just like in real life, smart drinking choices help advance your

career, while poor choices can get you separated from the Navy-a.k.a. game over."

Pier Pressure also features leaderboards, enabling players to compete with friends and shipmates. In addition to the game, the app provides resources to help Sailors drink responsibly in real life. The BAC calculator can help remind Sailors when they have had too much to drink, and the local taxi search can help them find a safe ride home.

You can download the app now at the Apple iTunes (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pier-pressure/id816367909?ls=1&mt=8>) or Google Play (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.KWYE.PierPressure>) app stores.

For more information and to help promote responsible drinking within your command, you can access materials and resources from NADAP's Keep What You've Earned campaign, available at www.nadap.navy.mil.

Point of contact is Ms. Katie Suich, NPC Public Affairs, 901-874-3507 or DSN 882-3507, or via e-mail at karen.suich@navy.mil.

Keep What You've Earned

Did you know 40 percent of heavy drinkers in the Navy reported alcohol-related productivity loss, such as trouble concentrating, compared with only 5 percent of responsible drinkers. You've Earned It, Don't Waste It!

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline: Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Regional, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-877-657-9851, Comm: 904-542-4979, DSN 942-4979, FAX: 904-542-5587, Email: CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil

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Equipment Operator 1st Class Jason Cummings, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Technical Trainer, digs a four foot wide trench for the placement of a catch basin and a storm drain on board NCBC Gulfport, March 6. The Technical Trainer is a training course project site that provides valuable skills for Seabees to refresh their rating knowledge. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician 2nd Class Courtney Demastus/Released)



Four and five-year-olds enrolled at the Child Development Center (CDC) on board NCBC Gulfport, parade through the hallways of CDC handing out beads to the younger classes as they celebrate Mardi Gras on Fat Tuesday, March 4. The CDC has been featuring the Mardi Gras Parade for 25 years for students and teachers to enjoy. (U.S. Navy photos by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



Steelworker 2nd Class Christopher Barker, front, Utilitiesman 1st Class Ryan Rygh, middle, and Builder 2nd Class Carlos Collier, assigned to Naval Construction Group Two (NCG2) fill a car with fuel and clean its windshield at the Navy Exchange Gas Station during a Seabee Ball fund raising Gas and Glass event on board NCBC Gulfport. Monies raised from events such as these will go toward the Seabee Ball, March 15 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

NCBC Frames

**Logistics Specialist 3rd Class (SCW)
Jeffrey Hanson
LPO Det Northcom Supply
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion
(NMCB) 74**

FF: What single experience during your career stands out the most, and why does it stand out?

JH: Getting capped to Third Class. It meant a lot knowing my command felt so highly of me and it gave me a lot of motivation to keep working hard to help my command in any way possible.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?

JH: Helping fellow shipmates out. Every time someone gives me a comment on how I

helped them it makes me want to work hard to help more people in my command and community.

FF: What advice would you give to future Seabees and Sailors?

JH: Keep working towards a goal no matter how small it is, because once you reach that goal there is no greater feeling of accomplishment.

FF: What is your favorite part about being/working with the Seabees - why?

JH: My favorite part is

FREEZE FRAME

By UTCN Alicia Fluty
NCBC Public Affairs

going out and helping people. It is a great privilege to be a part of a group that goes out and helps others in need of helping.

FF: Who was your most influential mentor during your career, and why?

JH: LS1 McClinton. When I needed help he was there to talk to and help get me through the deployment. He was the person who thought so highly of me, that he put in a cap package for me so I got capped to third class petty officer.



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Limited seating.



Buzz on the Street



By CE2(SCW)
Courtney Demastus
NCBC Public Affairs

"What did you enjoy most about Seabee Day?"



"I liked the car show." "Mmmm all the food."

Brelynn & Colton "F"
Hometown: Gulfport, Miss.



"We liked the petting zoo; it was really neat to get to see."

The Barker Family
Hometown: Baltimore, Md. and
Lawton, Okla.



"Jumping in the balloons [inflatables] and riding the ponies."

Cairynn & Caiden "K"
Hometown: Punta Gorda, Fla.



U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Patrick Gordon, Construction Electrician 2nd Class Courtney Demastus and Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty

NCBC goes big with Seabee Day 2014

By CE2(SCW) Courtney Damastus
NCBC Public Affairs

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) opened its gates to the Gulf Coast community for its annual celebration of the rich heritage of the Atlantic Seabees, March 8.

After a brief welcoming ceremony featuring remarks by NCBC Commanding Officer, Capt. Paul Odenthal and a performance of the National Anthem by Navy Band New Orleans, visitors were free to fan out and explore the many attractions.

The event featured demonstrations of Seabee construction skills, military static displays, construction equipment for guests young and old to inspect, a car and truck show, a chicken wing eating contest, children's games, free carnival rides and more than 60 food, beverage and craft venues.

One noticeable difference in this year's Seabee Day was a much larger footprint carved out for the celebration which was accomplished by incorporating Ladd Circle Park for many of the vendors, games and car and truck show, while using the big grinder for carnival rides and parking. The

new venue featured shade trees, park benches and green space which allowed guests to bring their lawn chairs and settle in for the day.

The crowd enjoyed a great selection of musical entertainment by Navy Band New Orleans, Jennifer Donovan and the Miles Sharp Band featuring Rebecca Powers.

Attendance was up, spirits were high and more than one guest mentioned that this year's Seabee Day was the best one yet.

Plans are already in the works for Seabee Day 2015, which will, no doubt, be bigger and better than ever!

A healthy smile begins with a child

By CE2(SCW) Courtney Demastus
NCBC Public Affairs

Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport's Dental department visited Pineville Elementary School Feb. 28, as part of National Children's Dental Health Month. The team led by Dental's department head, Cmdr. Paul Lim, provided dental hygiene tips for 120 students, in grades kindergarten through 6th grade. The educational presentation featured extra-large tooth brushes, floss, and dental props used to demonstrate procedures used to install metal fillings in teeth after they decay.

The presentation was organized through the Education

Partnership Program (EPP). Various commands on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport have partnered with local schools to participate in events, complete projects and provide support to designed to encourage education and community involvement. EPP members feel that the benefits extend to the volunteers and the students.

"It helps bridging the gap between the military personnel and the local neighbors," said Lim. "We create a positive image about the military to the kids, through mentoring; just like big brothers. It also benefits the Sailors by building a sense of altruism, leadership and community service," he explained.

The participating school administrators also believe in the positive images presented by service members.

"It's a great experience for the children," said Pineville Elementary School Principal, Jackie Grace. "They get to

see how the Navy is concerned for their health, welfare and their communities. The children and this community are glad to see the Navy's support; it creates a positive experience for all of us."

The EPP provided an excellent opportunity for Pineville Elementary and dental to connect through oral hygiene education. The team shared comical facts and then asked students various questions to keep them involved, as well as participate in role playing scenarios. The presentation made it easy for the visiting dental team to reach the children at an early age about the importance of a healthy smile and good oral hygiene.

"We want them to understand that in order to keep their teeth healthy for the rest of their lives, they must take care of them early in their childhood, and that it's not just about their parents telling them to brush their



Cmdr. Paul Lim, Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Gulfport dental department head and staff members, Lt. Arthur Valerie, Hospitalman Chelsea Cobbs and Hospitalman Erik Hernandez gave a presentation to Pineville Elementary School students during National Children's Dental Health Month. The presentation was organized through the Educational Partnership Program. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician 2nd Class Courtney Demastus/Released)

teeth," said Lim.

NBHC Gulfport, Dental Department, looks forward to providing future presentations to the school. Military

units and associations interested in volunteering for Pineville Elementary School may contact Principal Jackie Grace, at 228-452-4364.

FFSC is here to help you and your family

By UTCN Alicia Fluty
NCBC Public Affairs

Is your spouse deployed and you feel the urge to vent? Do you have a problem that needs a solution? Do you need assistance relocating? Are you retiring or getting out of the military? Do you have a special needs family member and wonder if you will get the necessary resources at your new command?

If any of this sounds familiar to you, then it's time to become familiar with the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

FFSC is a customer support agency that was established in the 1980s at selected bases under the name Family Service Centers. FFSC Gulfport is guided by Chief of Naval Operations directives, by Commander Naval Installations Command (CNIC) and by Commander Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE).

FFSC Gulfport has been supporting Sailors, retirees and their families for the past 35 years providing programs and services designed to meet the special challenges of Navy life.

According to Gulfport FFSC Director Barbara A. Jones, their mission is to enhance operational and family readiness, maximize the quality of life for service members and their families through information, education and support to meet their needs; and to support NCBC's mission of enabling warfighter readiness.

"FFSC is the site to go-to when you don't know who to go," said Jones. "We are always the best starting place when looking for assistance or information because we either know the answer or we'll find the answer."

FFSC Gulfport staff member Paula Ingram, who

has been with the facility since its inception, said that FFSC has assisted hundreds of thousands of service members and their families worldwide from all branches of the military through email and telephone contact, as well as in person.

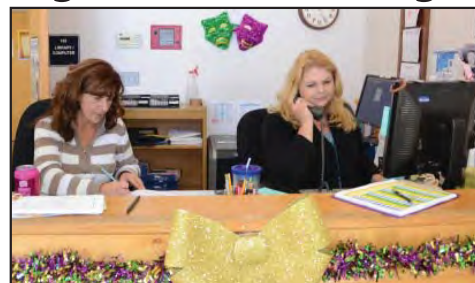
"We are easily one of the busiest FFSCs in the Southeast Region and we love it," said Ingram. "We serve not only Gulfport commands but also Navy commands and personnel at the Stennis Space Center and Pascagoula."

FFSC offers Morale Calls transfers through a Defense Switched Network (DSN) line where personnel stationed or deployed to distant locations can call to get transferred to their home phone number and be able to talk to their family members in the United States.

Robin Martin and Roylee Kraninger, front desk information and referral experts at FFSC Gulfport said they transfer hundreds of morale calls weekly.

FFSC offers a variety of programs grouped in three major functional areas. The first area is the Deployment and Readiness Program, which includes Deployment Support and Education, Relocation Assistance, Ombudsman Support and Life Skills Education. The second area is the Crisis Response Program, which offers Clinical Counseling, Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Domestic Abuse Victim Advocacy, Casualty and Disaster Response, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR), Critical Incident Intervention and New Parent Support. The third area is the Career Support and Retention Program that provides information on Transition Assistance, Family Employment Readiness, Personal Financial Management and Exceptional Family Member support.

"Of all the programs offered at FFSC, the pro-



Fleet and Family Support Center's (FFSC) front desk receptionists Robin Martin and Roylee Kraninger arrange appointments, morale service calls, and referrals on board NCBC Gulfport. Operating hours for the FFSC are Monday -Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday 7 a. m. to 3:30 p.m. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Kia Skinner/Released)

grams used the most are Transition Assistance, Personal Financial Management and Clinical Counseling," said Ingram. "We have added several classes to the Transition line-up to assist service members who are separating from or retiring from the Navy, such as the "Technical Track" and "Higher Education" classes. Anyone interested can call us for information on upcoming dates."

Two classes FFSC is offering in March are "Nutrition for Fat Loss Class" March 18, 10 - 11:15 a.m., with Keesler AFB nutrition expert Staff Sgt. Treshawna Gwendo, who will be providing information on dieting and food plans for weight loss. On March 26, Military Education Programs for Spouses will be held noon - 12:30 p.m. To sign up for these classes or find out more information, please call FFSC at 228-871-3000.



Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 and and Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa tenant commands play tug-of-war during an English through play community service event at the Busy Bee International School in Okinawa, Japan. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Kim Martinez/Released)

NMCB 1 builds long-term trust, partnerships throughout the Pacific

By MCC(SW)
Kim Martinez

NMCB 1 Public Affairs

Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction (NMCB) 1 continued to build partnerships through volunteerism, March 2, 3 and 7, by participating in community relations events at orphanages in Timor Leste and Korea, and at the Busy Bee International School in Okinawa, Japan.

NMCB 1's Civic Construction Action Detail (CCAD) Timor Leste teamed up with members of the Australian Police Force to prepare meals, garden and teach English to the residents of the Santa Bakita Orphanage outside of Dili, Timor-Leste, while NMCB 1 Detail Chinhai, Korea Sailors partnered with Seabees from the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy to volunteer at the Aikwangwan Orphanage in Koje Island, Korea. The battalion closed out the week's community relations efforts by teaching Okinawan children English through play at a Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa sponsored event.

"The core intent of community relations activity

in Timor-Leste is to create diverse opportunities for direct positive interaction with the civilian populace, open and maintain direct lines of communication with the public, and to generate opportunities for future engagement," said Chief Builder Troy Ratliff, NMCB 1 CCAD Timor-Leste assistant officer-in-charge. "We joined officers from Australia's Timor-Leste Police Development Program in planting a garden for a sustainable food source at the Santa Bakhita Orphanage in Becora and also provided a barbecue lunch for the 29 children, who ranged in age from six to 18-years old. I enjoyed volunteering at the orphanage and hope that we had a positive impact in the lives of the children here."

A few thousand miles and several countries north of Timor Leste, NMCB 1 and Sailors from the Republic of Korea Navy, took a break from participating in the annual multi-lateral exercise FOAL Eagle/Key Resolve, to volunteer at the Aikwangwan Orphanage in Koje Island, Korea.

"FOAL Eagle/Key Resolve

is an opportunity for both armed services to work together and to get to know how the other operates," said Chief Utilitiesman Todd Maxwell, NMCB 1 Detail Chinhai assistant officer-in-charge. "The difference between this year and the prior years is that the U.S. Navy Seabees and the ROK Navy Seabees came together at the Aikwangwan Orphanage and installed a 20-meter handrail, flipped mushroom logs, and participated in games with the local residents. This is a first for both Seabee teams to work together and hopefully will not be the last time we work side-by-side as one team." Seabees deployed to the island of Okinawa, spent the later part of their Friday interacting with children from Kadena City, breaking language barriers and building friendships through play and other activities.

"When the military comes here to volunteer, it's a great opportunity for [children] to enhance their vocabulary because they're speaking in English," said

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Rear Admiral Brown visits Reserve Seabees

By MC1 Patrick Gordon
NMCB-25 Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Paula C. Brown, deputy commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Deputy Chief of Engineers, met with officers and enlisted members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Five (NMCB 25) during a tour of Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Feb. 27 to March 2.

Brown was on hand to present six awards and two Seabee Combat Warfare officer qualifications. After the awards ceremony, she held a question and answer session with the Reserve battalion to address key issues affecting the future of the Reserve Seabee force.

"We've had a lot of changes with our Reserve Navy. We've gone from 12 battalions and are going down to six," said Brown. "Change can be hard, but we do change all the time."

Brown also spoke on advancement and career opportunities for Seabees in the coming years, adding that the Career Management System Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID) is there to help the members of NMCB 25 and Sailors throughout the Navy with governing their careers during this time of change. She also reminded the Seabees that earning their Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist qualification (SCWS) was not only a point

of pride, but a professional achievement as well.

"The SCWS is our professional badge of courage," said Brown. "It's what separates us from the rest of the Navy, and it is what will enable you to stay in a billet. We have Seabees that want to be Seabees, want to continue in our Navy, and I want you guys to get advanced."

Also addressed was the role of the Reserves as a whole, and the Seabees in particular, post draw down in Afghanistan.

"What we see in the past are wide swings up in personnel during a conflict and then back down again as the conflict ends," said Brown. "But we as Seabees are a more operational force than many others in the Navy Reserve, and as such, we need to continue to train and be able to respond quickly because of who we are."

Brown closed the all hands call with NMCB 25 by thanking the battalion for all the hard work they do, and recognizing their devotion to service during their mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"You're taking the hard jobs, you're doing the tough work, and you're doing what has been asked of you," said Brown. "I am so extremely proud of every one of you and how you come together as a team and become NMCB 25."



Rear Adm. Paula C. Brown, deputy commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, holds an all hands call with Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Five (NMCB-25) at Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport March 1. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Patrick Gordon/Released)

Seabees in Bahrain keep busy with quality of life improvements

By EA2(SCW) Cory Hauptman
NMCB 74

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 Seabees are currently deployed to Bahrain as they support Commander Task Force (CTF) 56 and public works through Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA).

In addition to serving base and tenant commands, the Seabees are tasked with managing a public works shop and handling all work requests, helping to improve the overall quality of life and working conditions at various work centers.

Construction Electrician 3rd Class Nellie Aquino is the shop supervisor who manages all incoming

requests.

"Everyone here knows who the Seabees are and what we do," said Aquino. "It brings a great sense of pride to know we can always lend a hand and stick to our motto, 'Can Do.' A lot of the work requests we receive here in the shop are things that need to be built in order to make it a little easier to fulfill their missions in or around their work centers," she said.

Through their work, Aquino and the other shop members, Utilitiesman 3rd Class Jason Noel, Construction Electrician Constructionman Samuel Russell and Builder Constructionman Lawrence Culala have been able to support multiple units. While the Seabees of 74 have built a number of

large scale shelving units for the various commands, the majority of their work orders involve utilizing the laser engraving equipment to create various plaques, signs, and paddles for use in special occasions.

"Being a UT and getting to work with a laser engraver is a new experience and adds a creative aspect to the projects," says Noel, who operates the engraving equipment on a daily basis.

The crew of the "Fearless" 74 Seabees has completed more than 30 work orders since they assumed responsibility of the public works fabrication shop one month ago and have made a discernible impact.

For more news and information on NMCB 74, visit the Command Facebook page "FEARLESS74."

NMCB 74 presses forward with Fort Campbell mission



Equipment Operator 2nd Class Matthew Hackett and Builder 3rd Class Matthew Hancock use a manlift to safely drill holes 14 feet in the air on "The Weaver" - an obstacle in a course being built by Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 in support of Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion (SOATB) onboard Fort Campbell, KY. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder Constructionman Holly Smith/Released)

Seabee Ball 2014 - Djibouti



Guests raise their glasses during a toast at the Seabee Ball held on Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, March 8. The ball celebrated the 72nd birthday anniversary of U.S. Navy Seabees and the 147th anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Eric Dietrich/Released)

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Michelle Deliz, Busy Bee International School first grade teacher. "The Japanese [children] take great advantage of the practice that comes with the interaction they have with the Soldiers and those who come here to volunteer." Deliz said that the children

look forward to playing sports like dodge ball with the volunteers, and to teaching them a little Japanese.

"I feel really lucky [to participate in the COMREL] because not all Japanese schools get a chance like this to have [Sailors] come and play with them," said a Busy Bee International

School student. Many Sailors in the battalion take advantage of the opportunity to immerse themselves in their host nation community, which is highly encouraged by the NMCB 1 chain of command.

"Our community relations here in Okinawa is an important part of our overall mission, which aids us in

developing strong partnerships grounded in trust and mutual respect," said Cmdr. Chad Brooks, NMCB 1 commanding officer. "Our Sailors eagerly volunteer in Gulfport, Miss. and at many of our deployed sites throughout the world because they have genuine compassion for others and pride in representing the

United States Navy. I know our volunteer engagements here will have a positive impact on many young people who may have only known about the United States through movies or the Internet. Now, they may also remember a genuine, caring American Sailor who invested time in their well-being."

Happy 121st Birthday Chief Petty Officers!

Birthday Ceremony April 1, 1 p.m.
NCBC Training Hall
Ceremony is **OPEN** to **ALL** Hands

Reception to follow at Anchors & Eagles Club for: Active Duty, Reserve, Retired CPOs. COs, XO's, OICs & AOICs invited.



Focus on Education

Education Notes

NUTRITION FOR FAT LOSS

Which diet should I use? Which healthy foods make me feel full? What is fiber and how can it help me? Find out answers to these and many more nutritional questions at Nutrition for Fat Loss, March 18, 10 – 11:15 a.m. at Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30. Staff Sgt. Treshawna R. Gwendo, of Nutrition Medicine at Keesler AFB is the featured guest speaker. Pre-register by calling 228-871-3000 or email paula.ingram@navy.mil.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT 101

Federal Employment 101 will be presented March 20, 9 – 11 a.m., Kees-

ler Air Force Base, 500 Fisher Street, Biloxi in the Sablich Center, Building 0701, Room 108B. To register please call 228.376.8728. Space is limited, reserve your spot early. Agenda includes: Account set up on usajobs.gov; Conducting a smart job search on the site; Interpreting a job announcement to determine eligibility; Answering the occupational questionnaire AND much more! Directions: Entering from Hwy 90 (White Ave Gate) go straight until you dead end at the base hospital. Turn left, and Sablich Center is the 2-story brick building on the left, about a block down (area of left is a big

parking lot). Enter through the South door (facing the fenced Combat controller agility course) and the classroom is off the lobby of the first door on the right. ** Must be a military identification cardholder with base access, or be accompanied by a cardholder. Presented by In Gear Career.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

Are you taking advantage of all your benefits? Find out during Education Programs for Military Spouses, March 26, noon – 12:30 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), building 30. Guest speakers will be Dr. Alex Carter, director, Navy College Program and Dr. David

Drye, representative, Coastline Community College Spouse Program. Seating is limited to first 40 to pre-register at 228-871-3000. Feel free to bring a lunch, bottled water will be provided.

NAVY WIVES CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Foundation of NWCA annually gives 30 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to \$1,500. Applicants must be a dependent son/daughter of an active duty, retired with pay or deceased ENLISTED member of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard with a valid Dependent ID card. Eligibility requirements and applications may be downloaded from the NWCA website -

www.navywivesclub-sofamerica.org or you may request an application from Linda Hedden – NWCA Scholarship Director, 1300 Hampton Drive, Summerville, SC, 29483. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by May 31.

COASTLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGISTRATION

Registration for Coastline Community College's Spring "B" Term is now open until March 20. The Spring "B" Term begins March 31 and ends May 25. Additional information can be obtained by calling Dr. David Drye, 228-871-3439 or emailing DDRYE@COASTLINE.EDU, or by visiting the Navy College office in building 60, room 239.

The NCBC School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd is located at MWR, Building 352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave., Phone: 228-871-2117, Email: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

KAFB Medical Center to undergo renovation

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center will undergo a major three-year renovation project that will greatly modernize health-care delivery and enhance the overall patient experience by providing truly world-class health-care facilities for the Keesler community.

The \$68 million endeavor was awarded in August 2013 and began in October, with construction to follow in the fall of 2014. Estimated completion is expected in mid-2017.

The project realigns the outpatient specialty clinics on the second through fourth floors. It includes completely reworking the surgical floor with new state-of-the-art operating rooms and a new centralized minor procedures suite. It includes consolidation of the overall medical campus by moving

the dental clinic and the mental health clinic into the medical center and divesting nearly 48,000 square feet of aging infrastructure.

Significant portions of the medical center date back to 1957. The current five-story 735,000-plus square foot structure has fragmented clinics and undersized, outdated health-care models, according to Kary Dickey, facility operation specialist with the 81st Medical Support Squadron facility management office, in collaboration with Maj. Matt Clugston, deputy chief, planning design and construction branch, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General Health Facilities Division, Air Force Medical Support Agency.

"This project will repair 164,000 square feet in the medical center and consolidate the dental health and mental health services into the hospital," Dickey said. The construction entails the relocation,

reorganization and modernization of more than 20 departments consisting of clinical, surgical, administrative support and minor ancillary support spaces.

"They will renovate the old emergency room to ultimately accommodate Mental Health, though in the short-term, this area will serve as temporary phasing space for other entities," she continued. "The vast majority of the modernization effort will require complete demolition to the structure. The area currently containing medical specialties and internal medicine will become the new dental clinic, and is scheduled as the final build phase of the project.

At the other end of the building, the TRICARE operations and personnel administration areas, including medical records, will be affected.

Dickey said the vision is to completely demolish the interiors of the

second floor for an additional two fully-integrated operatory rooms, a "hybrid OR" or endovascular suite, five specialty minor procedure rooms and all the necessary surgical support space. Additionally, the second floor A-wing will house the new general surgery, gastroenterology, vascular and urology clinics in a co-located, synergistic arrangement.

"The third floor, except for the family birthing center, and part of the fourth floor also will be demolished to make way for more modern facilities," Dickey stated. "Final location and configuration of all clinics and services are being vetted through design."

"Being a part of such a drastic improvement to the health-care environment for our active duty, retirees, their families and veteran beneficiaries is a proud endeavor and I'm excited to get started," she stated.

'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

How to succeed in parenting by really trying

Although I don't talk much about it any more, my husband and I raised a child with what has become known as "special needs." When I gave birth to him in April of 1995, there was no indication that he was anything other than a healthy nine-pound baby boy. But three years later, a developmental pediatrician would rock our world.

"In my opinion," the Air Force doctor at RAF Lackenheath said looking into our widened eyes, "your son has Atypical Autism." A couple of hours later, we were frantically grabbing every book on the subject in the library, determined to prove the doctor wrong.

I recall one passage in an outdated book that painted a grim picture of the "typical" scenario: Parents receive the diagnosis and are determined to get their child all appropriate treatments. They are encouraged when their child makes progress with aggressive interventions. But as the child grows, the gap between him and his peers widens. As an adolescent, he wants friends, but is confused by nonverbal cues, facial expressions and gestures. Unable to develop peer relationships, he seeks the comfort of his daily routine -- watching the same television shows every day, and pacing around the perimeter of his backyard. The parents realize that their son's delays are insurmountable and accept that he will never lead a normal life.

We put that book back on the shelf. It was the



only time in our marriage I would ever see my husband cry.

This prognosis was too painful to consider, so we did whatever we could. The next eight years were a blur of home therapies, speech therapies, occupational therapies, physical therapies, gluten-free casein-free diets, prescription vitamins, sensory integration regimens, IEP meetings, monitored peer play dates, doctor's appointments, and mountains of insurance claim forms.

Fortunately, in the fourth grade, our son's doctor told us that, while he should continue to work through lingering social delays and sensory issues, he no longer fit the diagnostic criteria for autism or any other developmental disorder. We were ecstatic about our son's progress, but kept our lifestyle of combating autistic symptoms in place. Just in case.

Now 18, our son will most certainly "lead a normal life." He is in his senior year at his third high school, and has already been accepted to colleges. He has earned four varsity letters in football, is a gifted musician, has taken eight Advanced Placement courses, and is

an Eagle Scout.

Despite his obvious success in conquering a serious developmental disorder, we still have regular moments of worry because our son is still "quirky."

There are days when we see autism creeping around like a phantom, threatening our son's future. A far away look in his eye. The sound of him muttering to himself in the shower. His stubborn aversion to certain textures in food and clothing. His social awkwardness. His tendency to avoid interaction.

We try to put it out of our minds and hope that these ghosts of his past are simply personality traits that won't stop him from forming meaningful relationships in life. But I still worry.

Recently, our son landed the role of J.B. Biggley in his high school's production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." We didn't know anything about the musical, and as usual, our son was not forthcoming with any details.

We arrived on the night of the first public showing.

Buying our tickets and finding our seats, several parents accosted us, gasping, "Your son is the one playing J.B. Biggley?! He is amazing! He steals the show!" Knowing our son's lack of interpersonal skills, we thought they might be misinterpreting his quirks as character acting. However, when he made his appearance

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Health Watch

Did You Know? Help is available for service members in need

By Lt. Adam Sysmarski
Naval Health Branch Clinic (NBHC) Gulfport

If you are a service member in crisis or know a service member who is in crisis:

Confidential support is only a phone call, text, or click away - 24 hours a day/7 days a week:

Call 1-800-273-TALK (option 1), OR

Text 838255, OR

go to www.veteranscrisisline.net/activeduty.aspx to get help. Naval Branch Behavioral Health Clinic Gulfport can be reached at 228-822-5710.

Marine Corps Ball



Gas & Glass
March 14
NEX
Gas Station

Donations
accepted

PWD to host Building Manager's Training

April 17
9 - 11 a.m.
NCBC Gulfport
Training Hall,
Building 446

For questions, contact Octavia Scott, 228-871-4288 or your respective Facilities Management Specialist.

See Something Wrong, Do Something Right

NCIS has two anonymous ways to report crimes or suspicious behavior with the use of discreet and secure online or texting tip lines. To report information by Cell text: 1. Text "NCIS" to the short code 274637 (CRIMES) from any cell or smart phone. 2. Receive a response. For example, your alias is S2US. Call 911 if urgent! If replies put you at risk, text "STOP." 3. Begin dialogue. To report information ONLINE: 1. Go to www.NCIS.navy.mil, click on the "Report a Crime" tab and select the icon for "text and Web tip Hotline." ***There is a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest or apprehension.



NCBC Helping Hands

HELP A WOUNDED WARRIOR - A Veteran who was wounded during one of his four deployments to Iraq, is in need of assistance refurbishing his home in Ocean Springs. Construction, electrical and plumbing help is needed. If you have some spare time to volunteer, please call Lee at 228-383-4498.

C4AC - Costumes for a Cause, a local nonprofit needs volunteers for the Spring Mayhem Festival at the Harrison County Fairgrounds, April 4-5. Volunteers will assist with games and concessions. For more information, please contact Julie at 228-861-9270.

CAREER DAY - North Gulfport 8th Grade School is planning a career day April 11. The event is planned for 8 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. Volunteers are invited to present information on a career or place of employment. If you are interested, please contact Chief Ryan Wilber, 228-871-3663 or ryan.wilber@navy.mil.

BILOXI VA - Two opportunities to volunteer at the Biloxi Veterans Hospital.

April 10: Volunteers are needed to escort patients from between buildings at the Biloxi Veterans Hospital April 10 at 10:15 a.m.

April 18: Biloxi Veterans Hospital is having an awards ceremony for their volunteers

and they are looking for volunteers who would come to the ceremony and show off their talents by doing a skit, sing or dance. If you are interested in this unique opportunity to volunteer, please call Susan at 228-871-3640.

PASS CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL - Pass Christian Middle School needs volunteers to serve as proctors for the MCT2, tests May 13-15.

A test administrator (teacher) and a proctor are needed in classrooms and hallways. A mandatory brief training will be held for volunteers May 6, at 3:15 p.m. or May 7, at 8 a.m., where volunteers will be advised on duties and given test security information.

Alternate training times are possible. To volunteer, please email Tisha Posey at Tposey@pc.k12.ms.us or 228-452-5220 with contact information and training preference time.

28th STREET ELEMENTARY 28th Street Elementary needs approximately 25 volunteers to proctor tests the week of April 29 - May 2 and May 13-15. To volunteer, contact Jill Conwill, jill.adams@gulfportschools.org.

ANNISTON ELEMENTARY Anniston Elementary, 2314 Jones Street, Gulfport, is in need of proctors for May 13-15, for the Mississippi State Test - MCT2. There will be a short training regard-

ing test protocol and security before these dates that can be scheduled on a case by case basis. Volunteers will need to be at the school on testing days at 7:15 a.m., and remain until all students in their assigned room have completed the test. Please contact Rebecca Pacher at 228-896-6309 or rebecca.pacher@gulfportschools.org if you can help.

LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

Long Beach High School is seeking 200 volunteers to serve as mentors at LBHS by May 2015. Mentor training will take place at the end of this school year and each volunteer will receive a Mentor Handbook to assist in preparing students for success. If you are interested in participating in this project please complete a Long Beach High School Volunteer Application and e-mail the school at vivian.robinson@lbsd.k12.com or contact LBHS Principal Peter Dabbs at 228-863-6945 for more information.

GULFPORT SCHOOLS IN NEED OF TRANSLATORS

The Gulfport School District is looking for volunteers to translate on an as needed basis. Currently there is a need for Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese translators. To volunteer, or for more information,

please contact Velma Johnson, 228-865-4611 or velma.johnson@gulfportschools.org.

BOOST READING PROGRAM - 28th Street Elementary School is looking for volunteers to listen to students read and help them complete reading comprehension questions. Volunteers time is in 30 minute intervals from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday - Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Samantha Benson, 228-867-2140.

NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

The Gulfport Battalion of Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is looking for adult volunteers willing to help the area's youth succeed in life. NSCC is a non-profit, nautically oriented, youth training and education organization which is run by the Navy League with support from the United States Navy. Although a great plus, no prior military experience is required; all we need are adults who are passionate about mentoring America's youth. To volunteer, please contact Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at Region63@juno.com or 850-890-6792.

USS ALABAMA ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELP - The Navy is looking for volunteers with construction expertise for a rewarding experience. The battleship USS Alabama anchored in Mobile Bay needs help from individuals that can

work with wood, steel, and concrete for work aboard ship and around the grounds. Point of contact is Owen Miller, 251-433-2703 or cell 251-767-0157.

USO GULF COAST

Interested in volunteering? We need volunteers every day to assist at our centers throughout the Military community. To become a USO volunteer, you'll need to create a volunteer profile through www.usovolunteer.org. This website allows you to keep track of your hours. Contact Nicole Lewis at nlewis@uso.org for details.

COAST SALVATION ARMY

Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. Contact Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org if you have a bit of spare time.

HELP SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS Harrison County RSVP needs retired plumbers, electricians, carpenters, skilled and unskilled laborers to join a team of handymen/ women. If you are interested in helping in the community, call Mag Holland, 228-896-0412.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

The NMCRS Thrift Store is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers. Those who are interested in volunteering at the store are asked to call 228-871-2610.

Seabee Memorial Chapel



Religious Services

Sunday:

Contemporary: 8 a.m.

Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Protestant: 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

NCBC Center Chaplain:

Lt. Cmdr. Ammie Davis, Chaplain

For more information about Chapel programs, please call the Chapel at 228-871-2454

What's happening at the Chapel?

Sundays

- Contemporary (Gospel) Service: 8 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Protestant Sunday School/Trivia Bowl: 9:15 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Protestant Service: 10:30 a.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)
- Catholic CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine): 10:30 a.m.
- Club Beyond: 2 p.m. (middle to high school students)
- Beyond Club: 4 p.m. (middle to high school students)

Tuesdays

- Catholic Mass: 11:15 a.m.
- Contemporary (Gospel) Praise and Worship Team Practice: 5 p.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)
- Protestant Bible Study/Bible Bingo: 6 p.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)
- Protestant Praise and Worship Team Prac-

tice: 6 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

- Catholic Choir Practice: 7 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

Wednesdays

- Praise Break: 11:30 a.m. (30 minutes of praise and worship through music)
- Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study: noon to 1 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

Meetings:

Chapel Council meetings

The Seabee Memorial Chapel Council meetings will meet the last Sunday of each month following service time. This is a time for council members to meet with Chaplain Davis.

Quarterly "State of the Chapel" meetings

The Chapel will hold State of the Chapel meetings with Chaplain Davis and Father Paddy open to all congregation members. The meetings will be at 5 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes Feb. 3, May 5, Aug. 4 and Nov. 3.

CENTER NOTES

SUPPORT

Family Readiness Groups

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and babysitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Jenny Richter, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

NMCB 11 FRG For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit Facebook, nmcb11frg or email us at nmcb11frg@gmail.com.

NMCB 74 FRG All families of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the third Monday of each month. Meetings are at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335, behind the Grinder on NCBC. Socializing begins at 5:30 p.m., and meetings begin at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome. Email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at "NMCB74 Fearless FRG" for details.

NMCB 133 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and babysitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact FRG President Jaime

Royal at 317-730-4064 or email NMCB133fsg@gmail.com Log on to the FRG site, <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>.

FOCUS

Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS), provides resiliency training to service members and their families by teaching practical skills to help meet the challenges of military life, including how to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together. Confidential and free with family-friendly hours, contact FOCUS today! Call 228-822-5736 or email Gulfport@focusproject.org

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club The Gulfport Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, email goscgulfport@gmail.com or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gosc.gulfport>. We hope to see YOU soon!

Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc. The Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc., is interested in reestablishing a club in the local area. If you are interested in joining an organization that promotes the health and welfare of any enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, please contact Darlene Carpenter at 228-342-2271 or Tina O'Shields, 228-357-0513. Visit www.navywivesclubsof-america.org for more information on NWCA.

NMCRS The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday

and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

Gamblers Anonymous

The Fleet and Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000 for details.

TRAINING

Naval Sea Cadets The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nationwide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, 2nd floor conference room. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at Region63@juno.com or 850-890-6792.

PMI Membership Drive

The Project Management Institute (www.pmi.org) is recruiting project planning professionals for membership into the PMI Southern Mississippi Chapter. PMI is one of the world's largest not-for-profit membership associations for the project management profession. Their professional resources and research empower more than 700,000 members, credential holders and volunteers in nearly every country in the world to enhance their careers, improve their organizations' success and further mature the profession. Contact Mike Saunders at saundersmt@earthlink.net

or Len Krapcha at lkrapcha@aol.com for more information.

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is always looking for new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., at the Fitness Center classroom. For more information, contact Association president, CE1 Daniel Shaver, 228-871-2145.

NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee is seeking members. Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Contact MCDC President, SW2 Crayton at 228-760-1107 or Vice President, CE2 Tandberg, 850-384-7982 for details.

VFW Post 3937 Long Beach

is open Monday - Thursday from noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from Noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of the month is Seafood Night, the remaining Fridays are Steak Night. Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602 for info.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 3937 Long Beach

would like to invite you to become a member. Our organization supports veterans, their families and current service members. In order to join, you must be the spouse, mother, daughter, granddaughter or sister of a person who has served in a foreign war. Please Contact Auxiliary 3937 President Carol Fetters at 228-832-4893.

VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove

is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road,

Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member, go to <http://nmcb62alumni.org> or for links to Seabee historical sites.

D.A.V. - Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5

invites Veterans and future Veterans to monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Service Officer, Silva Royer at 228-324-1888 to find out more about our organization.

Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Island X-1

Gulfport is always looking to add new members. You do not have to be retired to be a member. If interested, please contact Eugene Cowhick at eugene.cowhick@navy.mil, 228-871-2488 or Robert Smith at Robert.p.smith5@navy.mil, 228-871-2436. If you are already a member, please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the A&E Chiefs and Officers Club, NCBC Gulfport, for the Monthly Island X-1 business meeting. For more information on NSVA Island X-1, visit www.nsva.org.

HERITAGE

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeesmuseumstore.org or call the gift store for more information at 228-871-4779.



Free Concert!
6-9 p.m. April 4
Triangle Parade Field
 Concessions available.
 Bring your own lawn chair.
 No personal coolers allowed.
<http://www.ltdanband.com/>

LT. DAN BAND

Date: April 4 Time: 6-9 p.m. Place: Triangle Parade Field



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 228-575-5224

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 program, Computers with
 web cams, Internet/email
 access, X-Box
 Office hours: Monday -
 Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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on stage, we understood what everyone was talking about.

Simply put, our son blew everyone away.

At the curtain call, the actors took their turns bowing to the audience. When our son stepped up and bent at the waist, the crowd jumped to its feet, giving him the loudest standing ovation. And no one knows he was once diagnosed with autism.

Sitting in our seats in total disbelief, it was as if all our years of hard work had come to fruition. Like comprehending the vastness of the infinite cosmos, my mind was boggled by the magnitude of our son's potential and the promise of his happy future.

He's going to be just fine.

Get more wit and observations from Lisa at her blog: <http://www.themeatandpotatoes-oflife.com>

Liberty's March Madness!

Fill out your NCAA Tournament bracket at the Liberty Center
Tournament starts: Thursday, March 20th
Championship game: Monday, April 7th
Best bracket entry wins Beats by Dre® headphones!



March Madness



DART CHALLENGE

March 19, 2014 at 6:30pm

- ✓ FREE entry and snacks
- ✓ 1st, 2nd and 3rd places win a Trophy!
- ✓ ALL PLAYERS entered to win door prize (over \$100 value)
- ✓ Spaces are limited
- ✓ No experience required!



Open to all eligible patrons & their guests



Participants should register before March 17th with one of our bartenders or by emailing michael.lee@navy.mil
For more info call The Beehive: 871-4009



GRAND SLAM Intramural SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Call Sports Coordinator @ 822-5109 for details

Sign Up	POC	Season Runs
March 17- April 1	Meeting April 4	April 15- June 19

NAVY OUTDOOR RECREATION MARCH SPECIAL!

Rent ANY Inflatable and receive choice of popcorn/cotton candy machine, 1 table & 6 chairs OR an Ice-Filled 120qt. Cooler for FREE!
(deposit still applies)



Safari Toddler



Bouncy Houses Daily Rental
Fees Range from \$40 - \$140

Parent Testimonial:

I rented the sports combo bouncy house on Saturday and was able to bring it back on Monday for only \$56! This is a steal! Not only did the kids have a blast all weekend but I was able to sit (and read) for a moment in my lawn chair and watch the children have a safe and fun time at my own home. What a great weekend! Thank you so much! - Tammy Holland, 1/17/14



Sports Combo



Sunday, March 16th

Peoria Rivermen vs. Mississippi Surge Hockey Game!



Only \$8 for ticket/shuttle!

Departs from Liberty Center at 2 p.m.

Must sign up by Friday, March 14th

Free Movies at the Training Hall

And, don't forget about the fresh buttered popcorn and cold drinks at that sweet price that won't break your wallet!

Movie Hotline: 228-871-3299

Friday, March 14: 5 p.m., Frozen, PG; 7:30 p.m., Lone Survivor, R

Saturday, March 15: 2 p.m., Walking with Dinosaurs, PG; 4:30 p.m., Anchor-man 2: The Legend Continues, PG13; 7 p.m., The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug, PG13

Sunday, March 16: NO MOVIES DUE TO OFFICIAL ACTIVITY